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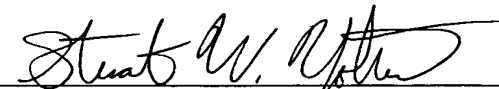
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
October 1, 2004 which did not address the merits of the
above-identified patent application, but set forth an
election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121
requiring applicants to make an election of the invention
to be examined, applicants hereby elect claims 1-23
(identified by the Examiner as invention I) for
prosecution in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants hereby respectfully reserve the right to pursue the inventions of the non-elected groups, as originally claimed, in one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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